GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER CATCHMENT CAPACITY OF CAUVERY RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received the experts' reports on the actual water-catchment capacity along Cauvery and its utility in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government as well as the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have chalked out any new project to minimise the net loss of water from the river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The report of the Expert Group set up by Central Water Commission on technical aspects related to the proforma evolved by Cauvery Monitoring Committee for review of storage status in Cauvery Basin in respect of important Karnataka and Tamil Nadu reservoirs has been received and has been circulated among the Cauvery Basin States for their comments.

(b) In its repot the Expert Group has opined that
(i) the active/inactive storages may be replaced by live and dead storages in the present proforma.
(ii) The hydrological observations at crucial locations may be done jointly (i.e. by the Central Govt. and concerned State Governments).
(iii) The revised area capacity curves for all the reservoirs need to be prepared, and
(iv) the automatic water level recorders may be installed at all the five reservoirs in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and properly maintained by the concerned States.

(c) & (d) The dispute about sharing of Cauvery waters is before the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal for their adjudication. The basin States will be in a position to plan new projects within their allocated share after the final award of the Tribunal is received.